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VIRUS IN SHRIMP FARMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has sent any scientific team to examine the frequent viruses affecting shrimp farms in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the date on which MPEDA team visited various States and the areas visited by said team;

(c) the findings of the MPEDA team;

(d) whether any suggestions have been made by MPEDA team to the shrimp farmers of the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (e): MPEDA has undertaken a detailed study of the diseases affecting shrimp farms inthe country in association with the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific(NACA), Thailandn three phases, under which Scientific Teams visited farms in the following places in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during August-November 2000:

S.No.	Dates of visit	Places visited
1.	26th August, 2000	Mahabalipuram near Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
2.	27-31st August, 2000	Kakinada, Bhimavaram, Nellore and Kandaleru Creek (Gudur) (Andhra Pradesh)
3.	31st October,2000 and 1st November, 2000	Sirkazhi Taluk, Nagai District (Tamil Nadu)

Also, MPEDA officials visited farms in Kandaleru creek area (Nellore District) and West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh and Nagai District in Tamil Nadu during the period from 15th September - 22nd October, 2000 to collect preliminary survey data. Analysis and the findings of the Scientific Team will be disseminated to the farmers through training and demonstration classes by MPEDA in the third and final phase of the Study.